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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : Robert M. Gates
Deputy Director for Intelligence

SUBJECT : Formation of an Economic Advisory Board

1. Action Requested: Your approval to establish a CIA Economic Advisory Board comprised of about a dozen individuals from both the private and public sectors. This Board could be chaired in a variety of ways. I recommend that you chair it; if you don't want to, you might have Harry Rowen chair or use one of the outsiders such as [redacted]

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2. Background: The primary mission of the Board would be to review CIA's current and future work in economics, energy, civilian industry, trade, and finance. The Board will be convened for an introductory meeting, with perhaps two additional meetings over the next twelve months. Should we desire additional guidance, it can be achieved through working groups comprised of a few Board members and appropriate DI staff. All participants would be cleared for material classified SECRET.

3. A draft letter of invitation and initial meeting agenda are attached at Tab A. Working with Harry Rowen, we have pared the Board's size to a manageable number of fertile minds that we think will be able and willing to cooperate with us in this venture. It might be useful for Harry and I to get together with you to discuss the final composition of the Board. Our list of suggested names is attached at Tab B. Tab C includes the remaining names from the original list.

Robert M. Gates

Attachments:
As stated

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